

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



**The Community Services Department manages and operates recreational facilities including the Sonora Community Center, the Sun Bowl Arena, Desert Park, and Desert Sunrise Marina. We also develop programs for adults, children, and families, administer special events, oversee the memorial bench program, and maintain park washrooms.**

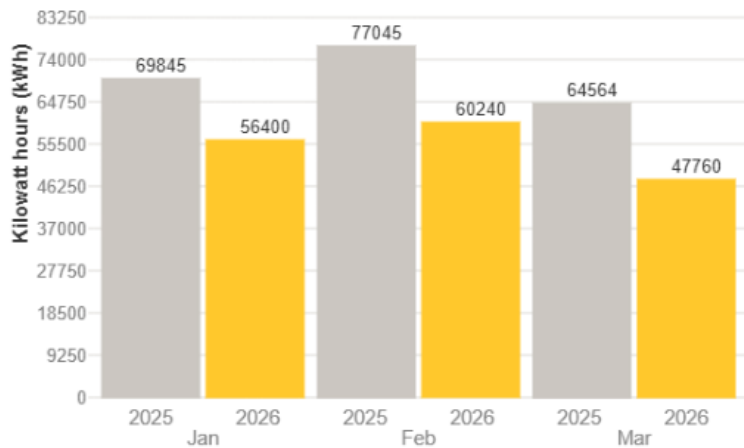
SUNBOWL ARENA



- The first quarter of 2026 the Sun Bowl Arena was operating at 90% plus for available ice bookings.
- Atom Fiesta celebrated its 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and was full with 16 teams and lots of parents and grandparents who came to Osoyoos to cheer on the kids.
- We played host to a new adult men's hockey tournament, who have committed to returning next year. .
- The Sun Bowl Figure Skating club booked additional ice every Tuesday and Thursday before school starts. Kids were able to get additional instruction as well as power skating.

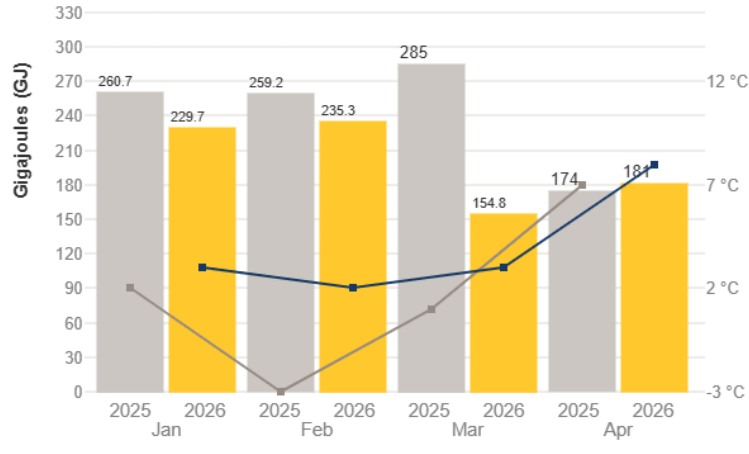
- The Figure Skating club also hosted their end of year skate show; the theme was Pirates of the Caribbean. The kids showed off their skills to a packed house and once again pulled off an amazing show.
- The Osoyoos Coyotes had a change of ownership during this quarter. After over a decade of owning the team Randy Bedard sold the team to LS Sports and Entertainment (LSSE). On behalf of the staff and management we wish Randy all the best and thank him for the many great years he has brought Junior Hockey to Osoyoos.

### Sun Bowl Electrical



- Electrical consumption for the 1<sup>ST</sup> quarter of 2026.
- Since bringing the Reverse Osmosis system online mid December we have seen a 22.3% reduction in energy consumption for the first quarter of 2026.
- We are currently operating the ice surface temperatures 2 degrees warmer than in the past due to the enhanced water quality.

**Sun Bowl Natural Gas**



- Natural gas consumption for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2026
- We have a 23% reduction in natural gas consumption. This is partly because of the Reverse Osmosis system allowing us to run the ice a couple of degrees warmer. We also saw an unseasonably warmer winter January to March.

Public ice	First Quarter 2026 Participants	First Quarter 2025 Participants	First Quarter 2024 Participants
Senior, Parent & Tots (Mon. & Wed.)	385	372	390
Shinny Adult Drop in Hockey (Tues. & Thurs.)	341	312	338
Public Skate (Sat. & Sun.)	1265	1170	1210

Osoyoos Coyotes	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
Home Games	2219	2267	1798

## SONORA COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Program Mentions

A Family Literacy Fair was held at the Sonora Community Centre January 24<sup>th</sup>. This was held by the Osoyoos Literacy Table and provided resource information, a bouncy castle, storytelling and glitter tattoos.

Staff organized a successful Spring Break camp for both weeks of Spring Break. 19 kids were registered for the first week and 26 kids were registered for the second week.

A Babysitter's Training class was held March 14 with 17 kids registered.

The Adult Mixed Slow Pitch League started March 30 with 8 teams registered for the season.

### Special Events

**TGIF** ~ we have been offering “Game Zone” which went well at first but has slowly gone downhill. I will need to come up with a new plan to attract the tweens!

**Neon Nights Youth Dance** – also under the TGIF umbrella and I monitor and help with this event. It is an elementary school age dance organized and run by a group of parents. This is the second one of the school year, (Feb 27<sup>th</sup>) and there is one more in June. It is well attended and talked about highly in the community.

**Family Day Skate** – 147 people attended. We gave away 96 vouchers for a free hot dog and drink. We had 12 prizes donated by local businesses that we drew tickets to win. The Coyote's hockey team was on the ice skating with the kids. I had 5 youth volunteers helping with the door, glitter tattoos, prize table and on the ice with the kids. Tim Hortons also gave us 4 large boxes of Timbits to give away. Everyone had a great time!

**Bus Rental** ~ January – 3    February – 3    March -3

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## PROGRAM & FACILITY NUMBERS

Fitness Class	First Quarter 2026 Participants	First Quarter 2025 Participants	First Quarter 2024 Participants
Walk Fit (Mondays/Fridays am)	147/7 class ~29/class <i>Classes cancelled Feb/Mar due to instructor illness</i>	434/18 classes ~24/class	291/13 classes ~22/class
Total Body Fit (Tuesdays/Thursdays am)	596/25 classes ~24/class	687/25 classes ~27/class	825/46 classes ~18/class
Mobility & Core (Mondays/Wednesdays)	525/24 classes ~22/class	714/24 classes ~30/class	657/27 classes ~24/class
HIIT (Mondays/Wednesdays pm)	112/23 classes ~5/class	181/21 classes ~9/class	Numbers included in Total Body Fit
Zumba (Thursdays pm)	N/A	N/A	129/10 classes ~13/class
Circuit Training (Friday am)	188/13 classes ~14/class	193/13 classes ~15/class	N/A
Easy Peasy (Wednesday am)	152/12 classes ~13/class	102/10 classes ~10/class	N/A
Groove It! (Tuesdays/Thursdays pm)	792/25 classes ~32/class	N/A	N/A

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**Facility Rentals**

SCC Rental Space	First Quarter 2026 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	First Quarter 2025 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	First Quarter 2024 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)
Room 1	17	35	29
Room 2	2	16	57
Room 3	33	6	N/A
Room 4/5	24	11	12
Dance Room	25	57	35
Gym	3	8	7
Bus	9	8	13

**Drop-ins/Membership Check-ins**

SCC	First Quarter 2026	First Quarter 2025	First Quarter 2024
Drop-ins	936	814	906
Membership check-ins	6369	5780	5078

**Membership Purchases**

Type of Pass	First Quarter 2026	First Quarter 2025	First Quarter 2024
10 Punch Pass	71	82	56
1 Month	59	71	56
3 Month	36	40	46
6 Month	2	4	4
Annual	1	3	3
LISP/Workplace Wellness	3	5	2

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### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>EXPIRE</u>
BGC	Rental	Annual	Annual
Coyotes Jr Hockey	Agreement	5 years	October, 2027
Desert Park Exhibition Society	Partnering Agreement	10 years	August 2031 – Option for 10-year ext.
RDOS – Sun Bowl Arena	Agreement	5 years	January, 2029
RDOS Recreation Funding	Agreement	5 years	2030
Osoyoos and District Art Gallery	Lease	5 years	December 16, 2029
Desert Sun Counselling – Community Garden	Lease	5 years	June, 2030
Osoyoos Lawn Bowling	License to occupy	5 years	September 30, 2029
Wibit Water Park	License to Occupy	3 years	May 29, 2028
Portuguese Canadian Cultural Society	Lease	5 years	November, 2028
Wakepilot - Desert Sunrise Marina Office/Parking Stall	Lease	3 years	In progress
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	Agreement	10 Years	January 9,2034
Gyro Park Concession	Agreement	3 years	April 30, 2026

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## COMMUNITY GRANTS

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
High School	Bursaries	\$4,500	\$ 4,500.00
Sports Team/Individual	Provincials Support	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00
Literacy Now Osoyoos Community Table	Town Facilities Rental	\$2,500	\$ 2,000.00
Desert Valley Hospice	Bus rentals and a vegetable garden	\$3,500	\$ 3,500.00
Osoyoos Beach Volleyball**	Enclosed trailer and equipment	\$3,000	\$ 3,000.00
Osoyoos Curling Club	Panic Bar on existing door	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00
Osoyoos Festivals Society**	Municipal Facilities for events	\$11,000	\$ 10,000.00
Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society	Lake Monitoring and data collection	\$3,500	\$ 3,500.00
Osoyoos Traditional Archery School	Targets and equipment for the program	\$10,960	\$ 2,500.00
Osoyoos and Oliver Search and Rescue	2 new drones	\$3,500	\$ 1,750.00
Osoyoos Desert Society**	Accessible picnic tables	\$5,500	\$ 2,750
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club**	Digital Signage System	\$7,000	\$ 0
Desert Pickleball Club**	Nets, Balls, Squeegees, Brooms, Blowers, Solar Lighting, Water Station, Shed	\$5,000	\$ 1,000.00
Osoyoos Senior Ball Club	Magnetic Breakaway bases	\$1,200	\$ 1,200.00
Osoyoos Golf Club	AED Purchase	\$3,000	\$ 0
Osoyoos Elks Sr Citizens Society	Municipal Portion of Property Taxes	\$2,000	\$ 0

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Osoyoos Elks Lodge 436	Front entrance, electrical panel, and games area upgrade.	\$10,000	\$ 4,000.00
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 173	Purchase a bar glass washer	\$19,401	\$ 0
Hearts for Heroes - Honour House	Rental equipment, signage, admin costs, etc., for the event.	Any amount requested	\$ 0
Desert Sun Counselling	Wages and groceries Community Kitchen	\$7,000	\$ 4,000.00
Sun Bowl Skating Club	Camera System	\$5,000	\$ 0
Osoyoos Sr. Citizens Center	AED Purchase	\$1,500	\$ 1,500.00
Osoyoos Farmers Market	Town property rental	\$1,967	\$ 2,000.00
Osoyoos Airport Dev Society	Matching Funds for REDIP grant	\$10,000	\$ 0
Highway to Healing Support Society	Family Travel Expense and Admin Cost	\$5,000	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$130,028</b>	<b>\$ 54,200.00</b>

**RESORT MUNICIPALITY INITIATIVE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>2026 Request</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
Wide Arts National Association	All Hallows Festival	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.0
Osoyoos Beach Volleyball Association	Facility Rental and Equipment	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.0

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Oyster Festival	Advertising/Branding/Social Media	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 1,000.0
Osoyoos and District Arts Council	Print and digital marketing for Art Walk event	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.0
Osoyoos Desert Society	Romancing the Desert Event	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.0
Osoyoos Festivals Society	Desert Dip, Easter Egg, Christmas lite up expenses	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.0
Osoyoos Lake Paddling Club	Annual Dragon Boat Flag Race	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.0
S.O. Similkameen Pride Society	Pride Festival	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.0
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	Sail into Summer Festival	\$ 1,863.00	\$ 1,863.0
Desert Pickleball Club	Structured drills and skills sessions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
Music in the Park	Bands, insurance, advertising, marketing	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,000.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 122,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,963.00</b>

### MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

During the first quarter, no benches were installed.

### COMMITTEES

**The Community Services Advisory Board** is made up of individuals from the Town of Osoyoos, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS), School District #53 and elected officials. The committee's core responsibilities are to review financials, discuss recreation issues and program ideas and analyze or hear from community members before presenting to Council. The elected officials are non-voting members. Community members have an opportunity to sit on the committee when a new Council is elected. The term for the committee coincides with the term of Council, and they are appointed every 4 years. **During the first quarter the committee met two times. Highlights included a potential joint use agreement with the School District and harness racing at the Desert Park Recreation Complex.**

**The Accessibility and Age Friendly Committee** was established in 2018. The same year, the Town received an "Age-Friendly" designation from the province of British Columbia.

An age-friendly community is one that is safe, accessible, and allows older adults to live healthy and productive lives. When a community has a good "person-environment fit" (i.e., the association between a person's physical and mental abilities and the demands of their environment), older residents can better maintain independence, have improved health outcomes and experience better social connectivity. Person-environment fit is part of age-friendly planning. If a municipality assesses the environment with an age-friendly lens, conditions tend to improve for all; when municipalities are planning for the needs of those who are aging, they also support the needs of young families and those with differing abilities. The committee meets once a month and is comprised of 6 members from the public, along with a member of Council and the Community Services Director. They will provide advice for future planning of municipal services, programs, and facilities. They will monitor these services and evaluate the progress of these activities. This will include identifying issues related to accessibility in the community, investigating improvements to identified issues, evaluating community input in addressing these issues and advising Council on preferred ways to address accessibility matters. New legislation, BC Act, requires the municipality to have an accessibility committee with people with diverse backgrounds. **During the first quarter, the committee met three times. Highlights include the temporary dog park at the boat trailer parking lot, the RBC Barrier Buster Grant program for the crosswalk on highway 3, Dementia Friendly Café, and the importance of improving sidewalks around Town.**

**The Grant Evaluation Committee** was formed to provide recommendations to Council on the Town's Community Service Grant (CSG) Applications, the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) Visitor Enhancement funding, and any other grant or funding opportunities that Council makes available to community groups or organizations. The Committee shall consist of the members of Council appointed by a resolution of Council at a Regular Open meeting. The Director of Community Services will be the staff person who will advise and assist the Committee in providing their recommendations to Council. **No meetings in the first quarter.**

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### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Description	Budget	Anticipated Completion Date	Status
Age-Friendly Accessibility Upgrades	\$35,000	On-going	Projects On Track
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	\$250,000	September, 2026	Carried over 2026
Desert Park Exterior Doors	\$20,000	2026	Delayed
Sun Bowl Arena Heat Exchanger	\$250,000	July, 2026	Budget approval RDOS
Southeast Meadowlark Playground	\$220,000	August, 2026	On Track
Sonora Community Center Improvements	\$25,000	May, 2026	In Progress
Parks Master Plan	\$23,000	May, 2026	On Track
Desert Park Upgrades	\$195,000	TBD	Council approval
Rubber Surface Splash Park	\$50,000	April, 2026	Complete
Desert Park Ball Diamond Improvement	\$75,000	September, 2026	Quotes
Skateboard Park Roof	\$7,000	June, 2026	In Progress
<b>RMI PROJECTS</b>			
Visitor Activity Enhancement	\$100,000	Dec.31, 2026	In Progress
Accessible Fishing Pier	\$50,000	2026	Delayed
Digital Advertising Screens	\$350,000	June, 2026	In progress
Swim Platforms (Docks)	\$200,000	May, 2026	In Progress
Washroom Pioneer Walkway Phase1	\$468,686	2027	RFP
Wellness Trail Equipment	\$100,000	June, 2026	Parks Master Plan Approval
Active Transportation/Bike Repair Stations	\$40,000	August, 2026	On Track